STORET Conference Call – July 22nd, 2004 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time

Introduction (Cary McElhinney)
- **The minutes from all previous conference calls are available over the web: http://www.epa.gov/storet/confcalls.html**
- **The next scheduled call will be Thursday, August 26th, 2004 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time. Call in number is (202) 275-0170 access code 1981#**
- **If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email mcelhinney.cary@epa.gov**
- **EPA would like to hear comments you have on the quality of these conference calls. Please send them to storet@epa.gov**
- **Please subscribe to the STORET automated listserver for announcements regarding conference calls: http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html**

Update from STORET Team

National STORET Users Conference
- **The registration is now open for the 2004 STORET Users Conference. Please go to the STORET home page for registration info and abstract submission.**
- **A small workgroup has been formed to work through conference planning and agenda development. We'll keep you posted over the next few months on things we're working on.**
- **Current items we're discussing are the start of the conference (Monday morning vs. Monday afternoon) and the kinds of tracks and breakout sessions that should be held.**
- **We hope to have a draft agenda available in the next week or so, but much of the planning depends on the number of abstract presentations we receive.**

Reference Table Upgrade
- **We're currently working on the next reference table upgrade. The major item in this next upgrade will be updates and changes to taxonomic names that we keep in sync with the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS).**
- **We should have the next reference table upgrade available in the next month or so.**

Data Warehouse Refresh Schedule
- **We'll be taking the Warehouse down on Friday for our monthly refresh over the weekend.**
- **We plan to send out an updated refresh schedule for the rest of the year over the STORET Listserver**

Open Q/A and Comment Period

1. **I came across a software product called DASLER-X made by Hydrogeologic, Inc. that reportedly exports a SIM compatible file. Has anyone had experience with this? (AK)**
- **EPA STORET replied that we've had an ongoing relationship with the developer of DASLER whose primary client is the Army Corps of Engineers. We actually have a meeting with Hydrogeologic, Inc. scheduled for next week to discuss bringing DASLER in line with STORET v2.0.**
- **At this point EPA has no plans to purchase DASLER and make it available free to the public.**

2. **Can SIM handle multiple users? (CO)**
- **Yes. SIM is currently being used in a number of different environments with multiple users**
- **MDE responded that they are using SIM in a multi-user environment and things are working fine.**
3. **AK is trying to develop an Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) for their volunteer monitoring groups to submit STORET ready import files.**
- **Marty McComb helped build one for MT and would be a good contact to consult with.**
4. **Will there be a track specifically on SIM at the STORET Conference? (OH)**
- **We feel like there are plenty of topics revolving around SIM to discuss that could encompass a designated track, but nothing has been defined for the conference at this point.**

Participants on call (based on who emailed storet@epa.gov)

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